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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal [further] extends toward the bottom in a direction generally parallel to the pair of opposing sides.

34. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal [further] extends toward the bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller toward the bottom.

35. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 34, wherein the second width is about 21 inches and gradually decreases to about 20 inches toward the bottom edges.

36.(Canceled).

37. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is arcuate or triangular in shape.

38. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is formed by heat sealing the first and second panels.

39. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is formed by adhering the first and second panels.

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40. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein the first and second panels are formed from an integral folded single sheet of polymer.

41. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein the bottom of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

42. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein one of the pair of opposing sides of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

43. (Previously Presented) The bag combination of claim 45, wherein the first and second panels are formed from two separate polymeric sheets.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) A polymeric bag and container in combination, comprising:

a container having a ~~fixed shape frame~~ and a bag engaging periphery; and
a bag including

a first panel and a second panel each having an original width and a length, the first and second panels joined along a pair of opposing sides and a ~~straight~~, closed bottom defining an [[on]]open top between the opposing sides and opposite the closed bottom,

a first narrowing seal sealing the first panel to the second panel; and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first panel to the second panel, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second panels is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second panels, the first and second narrowing seals initially extending inwardly from said bag sides and extending generally downwardly before extending back to said bag sides, the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal each being disposed closer in proximity to the top than to the bottom, the second width adapted to grip the bag engaging periphery of the container.

46. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 45, wherein the bottom is a straight bottom.

47. (Canceled).

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48.(Canceled)

49.(Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) The polymeric bag and container of claim 45, wherein the first and second panels further define at least two tying flaps proximate the open top.

51. (Canceled).